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SUBJECT: SINO-JAPANESE SHIPPING, OIL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SINO-JAPANESE SHIPPING NEGOTIATIONS BROKE OFF WITHOUT AGREEMENT LAST WEEKEND AND THE PRC DELEGATION RETURNED HOME FROM TOKYO. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MUNAKATA, THE TALKS WERE "INTERRUPTED" BECAUSE OF THE HARD POSITION TAKEN BY THE CHINESE ON THE TAIWAN FLAG ISSUE. AS INDICATED TO US BEFORE (REF A), MUNAKATA SAID THE PRC WAS INSISTENT THAT THE GOJ MUST PUBLICALLY STATE THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE FLAG FLOWN BY TAIWAN VESSELS AS A NATIONAL FLAG, JUST AS EX-FONMIN OHIRA DID IN AN AVIATION CONTEXT FOLLOWING THE CONSLUSION OF THE SINO-JAPANESE CIVAIR ACCORD. THE CHINESE DID NOT, HOWEVER, DEMAND THAT THE GOJ ATTEMPT TO PREVENT TAIWAN SHIPS FROM FLYING THE NATIONALIST FLAG, AS

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REPORTED IN THE JAPANESE PRESS (REF B).

2. ACCORDING TO MUNAKATA, THE TALKS WERE SUSPENDED "TO PRESERVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS ON BOTH SIDES." HE BELIEVES THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN PEKING BEFORE TOO LONG, AND THAT ONCE THEY HAVE REASSESSED THEIR POSITION THE CHINESE WILL SOFTEN THEIR STAND ON THE FLAG ISSUE. ON THE JAPANESE SIDE, HE SAID, THERE IS NO GREAT HURRY TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT, AND NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN TO "UNREASONABLE" CHINESE DEMANDS.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH USLO'S DEPTY CHIEF, JAPANESE DCM HASHIMOTO GAVE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION, OF THE BREAKOFF IN NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE HE CONFIRMED THAT THE FLAG QUESTION HAD BEEN A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK TO AGREEMENT, HE ADDED THAT THE CHINESE HAD ALSO DEMANDED THAT IN MAJOR JAPANESE PORTS THE GOJ "MAKE ARRANGEMENTS" FOR PRC AND ROC SHIPS TO BE GIVEN SEPARATE BERTHING FACILITIES AND NOT CREATE EMBARRASSMENT FOR PRC OF HAVING ROC SHIPS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. HASHIMOTO SAID THIS WAS UN-ACCEPTABLE TO THE JAPANESE. PRC AND ROC SHIPS VISITING JAPAN HAVE BEEN TYING UP NEAR TO ONE ANOTHER FOR TWENTY YEARS, HE SAID, AND THE GOJ HAS NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO CHANGE THIS SITUATION. HASHIMOTO ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THE SHIPPING TALKS WOULD RESUME IN SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER A "COOLING-OFF PERIOD," BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE VENUE WOULD BE TOKYO OR PEKING.
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